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In re Application of:)
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James O. Farmer et al.)
) Art Unit: 2633
Serial No.: 09/899,410)
) Examiner: A. Bello
Filed: July 5, 2001)
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For: System and Method for) Confirmation No.: 3294
Communicating Optical Signals)
Between A Data Service Provider)
And Subscribers)

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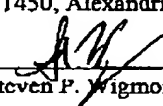
Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed August 9, 2004 Applicants submit an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to correct formal matters to the claims. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and enter these amendments prior to issuance of the patent. These amendments are being transmitted concurrently with payment of the issue fee and the issue fee transmittal (attached).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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